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C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT OF SPAIN 02397

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SHUM, TD
SUBJECT: WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL
DISCRIMINATION

REF: (A) PORT OF SPAIN 02339; (B) STATE 206597

1. CHARGE HAS DISCUSSED Z-R/WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM ISSUE WITH MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ACTING PERMANENT SECRETARY BAPTISTE AND HAS SEPARATELY PROVIDED THE MINISTER (DONALDSON) WITH A LETTER REQUESTING THAT HE GIVE THIS MATTER HIS URGENT PERSONAL ATTENTION. BAPTISTE TOOK MUCH THE SAME LINE AS BLANCHFIELD (REF A), CALLING ANY ACTION ANYWHERE TO ENDORSE THE UNGA'S NOVEMBER 1975 DECISION "PURE STUPIDITY." CHARGE WAS ASSURED T&T REPRESENTATIVES AT GENEVA CONFERENCE WOULD DO NOTHING TO SUPPORT ANY SUCH MOVE. AS TO WHETHER AND HOW THEY MIGHT WORK TO PREVENT THE ACTION, BAPTISTE WOULD SAY ONLY THAT THE EMBASSY'S REPRESENTATIONS DEFINITELY WOULD BE TAKEN UP BY GOVERNMENT (EUPHEMISM FOR PRIME MINISTER).

2. COMMENT: AS POINTED OUT IN REF (A) WE CONSIDER IT QUITE UNLIKELY THAT THE GOTT ACTUALLY WILL REVISE ITS IN-CONFIDENTIAL

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STRUCTIONS TO ITS DELEGATION. OUR BEST OPPORTUNITY TO INFLUENCE GOTT POLICY DECISIONS IS PRIOR TO THE CABINET MEETING AT WHICH POSITIONS ON A PARTICULAR ISSUE ARE ESTABLISHED. WE PUT DONALDSON AT A SEVERE DISADVANTAGE WHEN WE ASK HIM TO REOPEN A MATTER LATE IN THE GAME--IT IS BOUND TO APPEAR AT THAT POINT THAT HE IS RESPONDING TO US PRESSURE, WHICH, AS DEPARTMENT CAN APPRECIATE, GREATLY

WEAKENS HIS HAND. WHENEVER POSSIBLE WE URGE THAT THE DEPARTMENT PROVIDE US WITH DEMARCH INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE GOTT DECISION-SETTING SESSIONS.

3. IT IS ALSO ADVANTAGEOUS FOR US TO HAVE INFORMAL POST-EVENT DISCUSSIONS WITH GOTT OFFICIALS ON MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE. WE THEREFORE REPEAT OUR REQUEST IN REF (A) FOR ADVICE RE WHAT THE GOTT REPRESENTATIVES FORMALLY DO WITH RESPECT TO THIS AND OTHER ISSUES AT THE CONFERENCE AND, TO THE EXTENT WE KNOW, IN THE CORRIDORS. O'MAHONY

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